EXHIBIT 6



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October 12, 2018

Gregory Van Wagner 612 Brenden Ct Aspen, CO 81611

Re: Your Membership in Court of Master Sommeliers, Americas

Dear Mr. Van Wagner

We are outside legal counsel for Court of Master Sommeliers, Americas (the "Court"). We have been advising the Court's Board of Directors (the "Board") in connection with the compromise of the tasting portion of the September 2018 Master Sommelier Diploma examination. As you know, the Board unanimously voted to invalidate the results of the compromised tasting portion to preserve the integrity of the Master Sommelier title and the Court's examination process.

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Peter Bothwell 122 Riverside Avenue Riverside, CT 06878

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